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My dear Mel:

Last night Seth Bartling very rightly expressed the thanks of the Historical Society for your devoted work as President, and now I want to add a personal word of my own. Apparently it didn't occur to the Nominating Committee that a new Honorary President should be appointed, and it certainly belongs to you. I shall insist on this when the nominations are being prepared for 1973.

But apart from the mere matter of a title, which doesn't matter much to either of us, there is the important fact that during your years as President our Society achieved a new life and vigour and did a lot of useful work.

Mainly this was due to your own keen interest and businesslike ability to get things done, and to Muriel's sensible ideas and energies.

I have only to mention, for example, your many letters and journeys to Halifax in connection with the Port Medway chapel and its endowments; or Muriel's hard and good work in the Perkins House pageants, which could not have achieved half their success without her.

These, and the other accomplishments of the Society under your cheerful and vigorous leadership, are apparent not only to the members but to our community at large, and we are all grateful and hopeful that you will long continue your interest and endeavours.

With my deep regards to both of you,

Sincerely,

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